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1. Appellant's brief filed 2/5/2001 failed to comply with all the requirements set forth in 37 CFR 1.192. In particular, appellant's brief did not provide grouping for every claim. See page 6, section VII. Appellant appears to group claims 1-21 as (7-10) and (21). No grouping is provided for claims 1-6, 11-20.
2. The time period to file an amended brief is hereby set to one month from the mailing date of this communication. If appellant does not file an amended brief during the one-month period, or files an amended brief which does not overcome all the reasons for non-compliance stated in the notification, the appeal will stand dismissed.
3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sue Lao whose telephone number is (703) 305-9657. The fax number for this Group is (703) 308 9051. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-9600.

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